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SUBJECT: INSERTION OF ANTI-MAO MANIFESTO IN PARCEL RECEIVED BY
JAPANESE EMBASSY

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1. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED US A COPY OF AN ANTI-MAO
MANIFESTO INSERTED IN A PARCEL SENT BY INTERNATIONAL MAIL FROM AN
AFRICAN COUNTRY. ENTITLED "WHAT IS THE INTENTION OF THE
CONTEMPORARY CHIN SHIH HUANG" AND SIGNED BY THE "YUNNAN WORKER-
PEASANT TOUGH VANGUARD UNITS," THE TRACT CASTIGATES MAO TSE-TUNG
FOR REFUSING EARTHQUAKE RELIEF OFFERED BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

2. THE MANIFESTO ARGUES THAT CHINA IS A POOR COUNTRY, THAT ITS
CITIZENS BARELY EKE OUT AN EXISTENCE, AND THAT RELIEF FROM ABROAD
IS NECESSARY--" ALL THE MORE SO UNDER CONDITIONS OF NATURAL DIS-
ASTER." YET WHEN THE UNPRECEDENTEDLY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE
STRUCK TANGSHAN, TIENTSIN, AND PEKING, THE "MAO TSE-TUNG
GANG" MERELY SANG OUT "HACKNEYED CLICHES ABOUT CLASS
STRUGGLE, CRITICIZING TENG AND COMBATTING THE DISASTER, AND
SELF-RELIANCE."

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3. SOME JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS ARE INCLINED TO CREDIT THE THEORY THAT A SMALL ANTI-MAO GROUP HAS PENETRATED THE PEKING POSTAL SYSTEM. THEY HOLD THAT THE PRC'S FLAT REJECTION OF PROFFERED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE MAY INDEED HAVE GENERATED STRONG RESENTMENT AGAINST CHAIRMAN MAO AND THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP.

4. BUT WE SUSPECT THE DOCUMENT IS A FABRICATION, ALMOST SURELY OF TAIWAN ORIGIN, INSERTED OUTSIDE THE PRC. THE PURPLE PROSE ("EATING AND SUCKING...THE BLOOD AND SWEAT OF THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY"), THE ATTRIBUTION OF AUTHORSHIP TO A YUNNAN GROUP, THE PROLIFERATION OF LITERARY PHRASES ALL SPELL OUT "MADE IN TAIPEI" TO US.

5. SIMILAR HANDBILLS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN INSERTED IN INTERNAL MAIL LAST SUMMER (REFTEL), GIVING RISE TO INITIAL SPECULATION IN PEKING DIPLOMATIC AND PRESS CIRCLES THAT ANTI-REGIME GROUPS WERE ACTIVE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION SUGGESTED FOREIGN RATHER THAN PEKING ORIGIN.

6. COPIES OF HANDBILL AND OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.
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